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C O N S T I T U T I O N

(Fundamental Law)

of the

GEORGIAN

SOVIET SOCIALIST

REPUBLIC

of February 13, 1937

As amended through July 24, 1947

Chapter I. The Social Structure

Art. 1. The Georgian Soviet Socialist Republic is a socialist state of workers and peasants.

Art. 2. The political foundation of the Georgian SSR is the Soviets of Working People's Deputies, firmly established as a result of the overthrow of the power of the landlords and the capitalists and the establishment of the dictatorship of the proletariat.

Art. 3. All power in the Georgian Soviet Socialist Republic belongs to the working people of town and country as represented by the Soviets of Working People's Deputies.

Art. 4. The economic foundation of the Georgian SSR is the socialist system of economy and the socialist ownership of the instruments and means of production, firmly established as a result of the liquidation of the capitalist system of economy, the abolition of private ownership of the instruments and means of production, and the elimination of the exploitation of man by man.

Art. 5. Socialist property in the Georgian Soviet Socialist Republic exists either in the form of state property (belonging to the whole people) or in the form of cooperative and collective-farm property (property of collective farms, property of cooperative societies).

Art. 6. The land, its mineral wealth, waters, forests, mills, factories, mines, rail, water and air transport, banks, communications, large state-organized agricultural enterprises (state farms, machine and tractor stations and the like), as well as municipal enterprises and the bulk of the dwelling houses in the cities and industrial localities, are state property, that is, belong to the whole people.

Art. 7. The common enterprises of collective farms and cooperative organizations, with their livestock and implements, the